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Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 54, 55, 125 (a), (c), (d), (f), (g), (h) and (j), 135 (e), (f) and (g) and 126 (b) and (c) of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)) at its _____ meeting on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 54 was amended to read as follows:

"Effective and coordinated plans and programmes for the full implementation of the Platform for Action require a clear knowledge of the situation of women and girls, a clear research-based knowledge and date disaggregated by sex, short- and long-term time-bound targets and measurable goals and follow-up mechanisms to assess progress. Efforts are needed to ensure capacity-building for all actors involved in the achievement of these goals. Efforts are also needed at the national level to increase transparency and accountability;"

(b) Paragraph 55 was amended to read as follows:

"The realization and the achievement of the goals of gender equality, development and peace need to be supported by the allocation of necessary human, financial and material resources for specific and targeted activities to

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ensure gender equality at the local, national, regional and international level as well as by enhanced and increased international cooperation. Explicit attention to these goals in the budgetary processes at the national, regional and international levels is essential;"

(c) Paragraph 55 *bis* was moved to follow existing paragraph 46 and the boldface type was changed to lightface;

(d) Paragraph 125 (g) was placed before existing paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Take effective measures to address the challenges of globalization, including through the enhanced and effective participation of developing countries in the international economic policy decision-making process, in order to, *inter alia*, guarantee the equal participation of women, in particular those from developing countries, in the process of macroeconomic decision-making;"

(e) Paragraph 125 (d) was placed before existing paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Take measures with the full and effective participation of women to ensure new approaches to international development cooperation, based on stability, growth and equity with the enhanced and effective participation and the integration of developing countries in the globalizing world economy, geared towards poverty eradication and the reduction of gender-based inequality within the overall framework of achieving people-centred sustainable development;"

(f) Paragraph 125 (a) was placed before paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Design and strengthen poverty eradication strategies with the full and effective participation of women that reduce the feminization of poverty and enhance the capacity of women and empower them to meet the negative economic and social impacts of globalization;"

(g) Paragraph 135 (d), as previously amended, was placed before paragraph 135 (a);

(h) The second part of paragraph 135 (e) was placed before paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Recognizing the mutually reinforcing links between gender equality and poverty eradication, elaborate and implement, where appropriate, in consultation with civil society, comprehensive gender-sensitive poverty eradication strategies addressing social, structural and macroeconomic issues;"

(i) Paragraph 135 (g) was placed before paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Encourage the establishment, in partnership with private financial institutions, where appropriate, of "lending windows" and other accessible financial services with simplified procedures that are specifically designed to meet the savings, credit and insurance needs of all women;"

(j) Paragraph 125 (j) was placed before paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Undertake comprehensive actions to provide and support quality skills training for women and girls at all levels, on the basis of strategies developed with their full and effective participation, to achieve agreed targets to eradicate poverty, in particular the feminization of poverty, through national, regional and international efforts. National efforts need to be complemented by intensified regional and international cooperation in order to tackle the risks, overcome the challenges and ensure that opportunities created by globalization benefit women, particularly in developing countries;"

(k) The first part of paragraph 135 (e), was placed before paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Establish, with the full and effective participation of women and in consultation with civil society, particularly non-governmental organizations, in a timely manner, social development funds, where appropriate, to alleviate the negative effects on women associated with structural adjustment programmes and trade liberalization and the disproportionate burden borne by women living in poverty;"

(l) Paragraph 125 (c) was placed before paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Identify and implement development-oriented and durable solutions which integrate a gender perspective into external debt and debt-servicing problems of developing countries, including least-developed countries, *inter alia*, through debt relief, including the option of official development assistance debt cancellation, in order to help them to finance programmes and projects targeted at development, including the advancement of women;"

(m) Paragraph 135 (f), as previously amended, was placed before paragraph 135 (a);

(n) Paragraph 125 (f) was deleted;

(o) Paragraph 125 (h) was amended to read as follows:

"Develop with the full participation of all countries an international consensus on indicators and ways to measure violence against women and consider establishing a readily accessible database on statistics, legislation, training models, good practices, lessons learned and other resources with regard to all forms of violence against women, including women migrant workers;"

(p) Paragraph 126 (b) was amended to read as follows:

"Support Governments in their efforts to institute action-oriented programmes and measures to accelerate the full implementation of the Platform for Action, with time-bound targets and/or measurable goals and evaluation methods, including gender impact assessments, with full participation of women for measuring and analysing progress;"

(q) Paragraph 126 (c) was deleted.